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SUBJECT: HISTADRUT URGES UNITED AUTO WORKERS PRESIDENT TO
PROMOTE DIRECT CONTACT WITH ARABS

1. IN APPARENT CHANGE IN POSITION, HISTADRUT GENERAL SECRETARY YERUHAM MESHEL URGED UNITED AUTO WORKERS PRESIDENT LEONARD WOODCOCK, WHO VISITED ISRAEL JULY 17-22 FOLLOWING VISIT TO LEBANON AND EGYPT, TO USE HIS ARAB CONNECTIONS TO PROMOTE DIRECT ISRAELI-ARAB LABOR CONTACTS.

2. SIMILAR PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE TO WOODCOCK BY FORMER HISTADRUT GENERAL SECRETARY YITZHAK BEN AHARON DURING HIS VISIT IN UNITED STATES LAST NOVEMBER. HOWEVER IN MARCH THIS YEAR, WHEN UAW INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR HERMAN REBHAN VISITED ISRAEL, HE WAS TOLD BY MESHEL, THEN ACTING HISTADRUT GENERAL SECRETARY, THAT HISTADRUT WAS NOT INTERESTED IN BEN AHARON'S PROPOSAL. WOODCOCK TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT HAD HE KNOWN OF CHANGE IN MESHEL'S POSITION, HE WOULD HAVE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT IN CAIRO. REBHAN TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT UAW MAY TRY TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON MESHEL'S

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REQUEST.

3. COMMENT. CHANGE IN MESHEL'S POSITION MAY BE ATTRIBUTED
TO ASSESSMENT BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN GOVERNMENT AND LABOR
ALIGNMENT THAT TIME IS NOW APPROPRIATE TO ENCOURAGE DIRECT
CONTACTS WITH EGYPT AT NON-GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS IN LONG-TERM
EFFORT TO SEEK NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND OTHER
ARAB NEIGHBORS.
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